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Enclosed please find an application for United States patent as identified below:

Inventor/s (name ALL inventors): Satoshi MIZUTANI, Yuuki NODA and Tatsuya TAMURA

Title: TOP SHEET FOR ABSORBENT ARTICLES, AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING IT including the items indicated:

- 1. Specification and 9 claims: 2 indep.; 7 dep.; multiple dep.
- [X] Executed declaration and power of attorney 2. [] Unexecuted declaration and power of attorney
- [X] Formal drawings, 3 sheets (Figs. 1-3) 3. [] Informal drawings, _ sheets (Figs.)
- [X] Assignment for recording to: UNI-CHARM CORPORATION 4.
- [] Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status 5.
- [X] Check in amount of \$750.00, (\$710.00 filing; \$40.00 recording) 6. (See attached Fee Computation Sheet)
- [] Preliminary Amendment 7.
- 8. [] Information Disclosure Statement

9. [] Please amend the description by inserting the following paragraph after the line containing the title on page 1:

"This patent application claims the priority of U.S. provisional patent application No. 60/, filed on , which is incorporated herein by reference."

Priority is claimed for this application, corresponding application/s having been filed as follows:

Country:

JAPAN

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Respectfully submitted,

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Basic Fee					\$710.00
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